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DISPATCH OF FIREWORKS IN SIVAKASI
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether manufacturers of fireworks and crackers at Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu are dispatching more quantity of fireworks and crackers per invoice without caring for dealers per day holdings and violating the provisions of Explosive Act and Rules ;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to strictly implement the provisions of Explosive Act and Rules;

(d) the names of the manufacturers and dealers booked for violating the provisions of the Explosive Act and Rules during each of the last five years; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against each of them so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c) Rule 7 of the Explosives Rules, 1983 specifies that the explosives delivered or dispatched shall in no case exceed the quantity which the person to whom they are delivered or dispatched is authorized to possess with or without a licence under these Rules. The fireworks and crackers manufactured at Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu by the licence holders of Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (previously Department of Explosives) are dispatched to the licence holders in various parts of the country within the capacity of the licence holders.No violation of dispatched quantity exceeding the licensed quantity by the manufacturers has come to the notice of Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation. Officers of Sivakasi Sub-circle and other Circle/Sub-circle offices of Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation are undertaking periodic inspection and surprise inspection for verifying records of manufacturers and wholesale dealers to ensure strict implementation of provisions of Explosives Act and Rules.

(d) & (e) Information is being collected from the concerned authorities.